

Agriculture Working Group

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Economic Recovery Advisory Board

Working Group Weekly Progress Report

Please submit your report to <u>Joel Anderson</u> each Friday by 1:00 p.m. for distribution to the Economic Recovery Advisory Board.

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Working Group accomplishments/progress since last submitted report:

- Continued to build out Working Group Member list. See final page of this report for most up-to-date membership.
- Co-chairs have collected feedback on challenges, policy ideas, and concepts from all working group members. Their comments serve as a foundation for stakeholder conversations.
- Co-chairs have distributed questions to working group members, which are guiding stakeholder input sessions.
- Stakeholder interviews/input sessions are underway. Groups representing crop and livestock producers, agribusinesses, and startups are among the first to be interviewed.



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Working Group's current areas of focus, research, or activity. Also report any obstacles or issues:

Collecting stakeholder outreach and scheduling interviews. Eight stakeholder discussions have been scheduled or conducted to-date with several dozen more underway.

The working group also continues to collect suggestions for those who should be interviewed as a part of the information gathering phase before policy recommendation brainstorming/drafting is initiated.

Working Group goals and actions for the coming week or weeks:	
See the last page of this document for a draft timeline – subject to change.	
Several stakeholder input sessions will be held early next week	
The next Working Group meeting (July 23) will focus on stakeholder information collected and solicit feedback on these comments/ideas from the wider group.	
Progress toward next meeting's milestone: □Ahead of Schedule ☑On Schedule □Behind Schedule	

Comments on progress or additional information to share with the advisory board (optional):



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Draft Timeline:

First Work Group Meeting	July 9
Approval of Work Plan by Working Group (subject to future change)	July 9
Development of initial input target list; schedule and begin input sessions	July 14
Progress update and input sharing status with Working Group	July 22
Formation of ad hoc work groups (as needed)	July 23
Completion of input gathering process	Sept. 11
Preparation of interim summary and recommendations	Sept. 18
Drafting process of Final Report and Recommendations	Sept. 23
Review / Approval of Final Report	Sept. 29
Submission of Final Report and Recommendations to Task Force	October 1

